

PRESS RELEASE



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Earlier this year the contractor providing our kerbside recycling service terminated the arrangement. In line with our Standing Orders on Contracts, we issued an Expression of Interest notice and then proceeded to run a tender process.

Since the kerbside service ended, we have been pleased to note that there has been no significant increase in the weight of refuse being collected on a weekly basis. There are several recycling centres throughout the village, as well as at the Southern Recycling Centre at the Amenity Site, which we believe are now being well utilised.

The Board has analysed the tenders we received and considered the cost implications for the village of resuming a kerbside service. We have come to the decision that we will not be reinstating a kerbside collection at this time. The significant collection costs would not be offset by any savings due to reducing the waste going to the incinerator. Furthermore, there is currently minimal earning potential from selling any recyclates that we collect.

Bring bank services are provided by the Department of Infrastructure at no cost to the village and we would encourage all residents to continue to use these facilities. In particular, glass, batteries and metal items should be recycled and not put into the household waste. We will continue to provide a weekly refuse collection to all households.

Dr Michelle Haywood

Chair to the Board of Port St Mary Commissioners